

Indiana Interagency Council on the Homeless

Action Plan to End Chronic Homelessness

Vision Statement:	To end chronic homelessness in Indiana.
Mission Statement:	<p>We will end chronic homelessness by developing, promoting, and implementing a comprehensive system of care that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Optimizes the use of existing resources- Creates new resources- Improves coordination and collaboration across service, housing, and information systems
Plan Priorities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Enhance prevention activities and strategies- Increase supply of supportive housing- Enhance and coordinate support systems- Optimize use of existing mainstream resources- Develop a policy and planning infrastructure
Chronic Homelessness:	<p>For the purposes of this plan, we recognize the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) definition of chronic homelessness: "An unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more or has had at least 4 episodes of homelessness in the past 3 years." However, in developing the plan to end chronic homelessness in Indiana, it is imperative to also include the needs of families and children experiencing repeated episodes of homelessness. Furthermore, the Chronic Homeless Policy Task Force of the Indiana Interagency Council on the Homeless recommends that a second plan be developed to address the non-chronic homeless population.</p>
Background:	<p>In May 2003, a team representing the State of Indiana participated in a policy academy entitled "Improving Access to Mainstream Services for People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness." The event was a collaborative effort of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to assist State and local policymakers to develop an action plan intended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Improve access to mainstream health and human services that are coordinated with housing for persons who are chronically homeless;- Create and/or reinforce relationships among the Governor's office, State Legislators, key program administrators, and stakeholders from the public and private sectors;- Provide an environment conducive to the process of strategic decision-making; and- Assist state and local policymakers in identifying issues or areas of concern that may result in a formal request for technical assistance. <p>The Indiana Interagency Council on the Homeless Action Plan to End Chronic Homelessness has been developed as the result of the strategic planning process initiated during the policy academy.</p> <p>Implementer(s) of each action item and CoC Regions will identify advocacy groups. CoC Regions are encouraged to further design and develop regional strategies to implement the plan and to be inclusive of all interested participants/stakeholders.</p>

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